(Sri B. D. Jatti)

The Dearness Allowance was enhanced from 1st April 1963 by Rs. 5 up to the pay group of Rs. 150; by Rs. 7.50 to those drawing pay between 150-300 and the D.A. for the first time was sanctioned at Rs.10 to those drawing pay between Rs. 300-390 with marginal adjustments up to Rs. 400. Again a flat increase in D.A. of Rs. 5 was given from 1st April 1964.

From 1st January 1965 the D.A. is further enhanced by Rs. 5 and H. R. A.-*Cum*-Compensatory Allowance by Rs. 2 below pay of Rs. 140 and Rs. 3 for pay of Rs. 140 and above.

(*b*) The increases given up to the end of 1964 involves a recurring commitment of Rs. 3 crores per annum. Further revision in D.A. and H.R.A.-*cum*-Compensatory Allowance from 1st January 1965 is expected to cost about Rs. 2 crores per annum.

(*c*) Separate figures regarding financial commitment on account of the above revisions in respect of aided institutions, local bodies, etc., is not available, since they are paid on grant-in-aid basis.

Sanction of Drinking Water Wells in Hosanagar Taluk.

Q.—273. Sri G. T. RANGAPPA (Hosadurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of villages in Hosadurga Taluk to which drinking water wells have been sanctioned;

(*b*) the number of villages from which representations have been received for sanctioning drinking water wells;

(*c*) the number of wells still to be completed?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Development, Panchayathi Raj and Co-operation).—

(*a*) 70.
(*b*) 24.
(*c*) 17.

Villages taken up under N.R.W.S. Programme in Bangalore Rural District.

Q.—275. Sri T. MADIAH GOWDA (Ramanagaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the villages in which the N. R. W. S. programme is taken up under the III Five-Year Plan period in Bangalore Rural District;